



# Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center

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Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development  
Health Policy and Planning Division  
1600 9th St., Room 350  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Doctor Werdegarr:

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center (PVHMC) received the data analysis from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDP) on Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) Mortality.

This report reflects our state adjusted AMI mortality rate was higher than expected. This report was referred to our Cardiac Services Committee for review and analysis. Our Cardiac Services Committee is a multidisciplinary group that reports to our Medical Executive Committee. Additionally our Performance Improvement Coordinating Committee reviewed these study results.

PVHMC provides a comprehensive cardiac care program for our region. We take care of both community patients and referrals from other areas. We have a Performance Improvement Program in place that continually monitors treatment provided with actions taken when we identify opportunities to improve. Our care of MI patients was reviewed and certified by the Emergency Heart Care Committee of the Greater Los Angeles Heart Association and we received a full three year certification (1996-1998). PVHMC adheres to the American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines in our Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU).

Since 1992, we have been participating in an ongoing study with the National Registry of MI (NRMI) funded by Gentech. We also participated in the Cooperative Cardiovascular Project organized by the Health Care Financing Administration.

PVHMC is committed to delivering excellent care to all of our patients. Beyond our own internal and external monitoring, we plan to continue to analyze data provided us by OSHDP and participate in future studies.

Sincerely,

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